

# CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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## LOOKING LIKE JESUS

**Broken Hearts And Subdued Spirits Are Preparations For His Coming.**

### GOVERNMENT MUST NOT BE IGNORED.

It almost seems too good to be true, but this is the goal to which we are bound. John says we shall be like Him and this makes me think we will look like Him when He appears. And why should we think it a thing incredible when we are striving to that end?

This is the watching time. We do not know the exact time of His coming, yet, but we are sure we are in the very last days, and it is a time to purify ourselves even as He is pure if we expect to be like Him when He comes, and it is an evident fact that some are going to be like Him when He comes.

If we are going to look like Jesus when He comes, and if we are close to that time, it occurs to me that there must be some resemblance now. We may not be able to see ourselves in the full glare of light, but the very thought of having some resemblance now makes the matter all the more sacred.

If I am in the presence of one that looks like Jesus I will surely be so affected by it that my thoughts will be upon Him. See a person approaching at some little distance. It looks like your brother. You watch him as he approaches. While you are watching you are thinking probably of a hundred things concerning that brother that occurred in his boyhood days. You will remember some words he said, your play together, your toys or school days. But as he comes nearer you discover to your surprise and disappointment that the person you thought was your brother is not your brother, he only looked like him at a distance. But because this stranger looked like your brother made you think of your brother.

To follow this illustration then surely one can see how important it is to look like Jesus. If you look like Him it will make people think of Him when they see you. They may think of some words He spoke and some good things He did while here in the world. Surely His life is so attractive that many will be attracted to Him if they see somebody that looks like Him.

Moses was a great man. He was probably the greatest commander under God on record. He issued a proclamation that freed six hundred thousand slaves. He did not only free them but he also led them out of the country where they had been in slavery. This Moses said of Jesus, He shall be "like unto me." (Acts 3:22.) He does not say in what respect He shall be like him, but he simply makes the statement.

Since Jesus was to be like Moses then it is nothing wrong to learn something about Moses, and this will help us to know more about Jesus. It is said of Moses that he was gentle. Of course we cannot think of him being any more gentle than Jesus.

But he was gentle and as Jesus was to be like him then Jesus was gentle too. And if we are to be like Jesus then we will have to be gentle. To be gentle means to "be mild and refined in manner and disposition, kind; moderate in action, and peaceful." It will take all of

this to make one look like Jesus. Moses was submissive, and of course not any more so than Jesus. And as Jesus was like Moses and we are to be like Jesus then we have to be submissive. Defining this word we find it means "yielding to authority." There is probably little use in enlarging on this point, but since there is a disposition on some people to want to exercise authority rather than submit to it, probably it is well to say that it will require this disposition to make one look like Jesus.

I hope there are none among us that do not have that yielding disposition, but wherever they may be that do not it will keep them from looking like Jesus. While Moses was a great leader, and chosen of God to fill an exalted position above his fellows, yet he had a submissive spirit and was ready to bow to Him who was over him. The Church of God would not be the Church of God without offices and officers. This means authority. These officers are under certain rules and regulations, and if they will not be submissive to those rules and regulations they will never look like Jesus.

If those rules and regulations (the Bible) require me as a minister to preach and practice divine healing, and I fail to do it, then I will not look like Jesus, because I am not submissive to the laws that are to govern me. If I am in a position to enforce certain rulings and I fail to do it, then I will not soon look like Jesus. If I yield to the influences of others rather than yield to the laws of God that are over me, and by this fail to yield to the proper authority then I need not expect to look like Jesus.

In a Bible sense yielding to authority means "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account," (Heb. 13:17.) This is not for me with authority to rule over my brother with rigor for the sake of forcing him to come to certain terms only, but as I must submit to the authority that is over me it becomes my duty to show submissiveness sufficient to exercise authority over others who may be committed to my care.

The Assembly requires me to serve as General Overseer of the Church of God under certain rules and regulations. But suppose some influence should draw me away so that I would not bow to those rules and regulations, I would not be submissive to the Assembly. I could not expect to be like Jesus, neither could I expect to look like Him.

For another example, suppose that the overseer of a state should refuse to be submissive to the General Overseer in some certain matters of business relative to the church work, and at the same time the General Overseer was only bowing to the Assembly in requiring this certain overseer to perform certain duties, how could such an overseer expect to be and look like Jesus?

Moses was submissive, and Jesus was like him, and we are to look like Jesus. I repeat that

this means yielding to authority. Years ago I was elected president of a certain association. There were certain rules to govern the office. The moment I was elected and stepped into that office I was under those rules. To submit to those rules it became necessary for me to perform certain duties that had been neglected by my predecessor. It made such a change in the management of the association business that the members seemed almost ready to revolt, but as soon as I explained the rules and showed them my duty according to the laws under which I was obligated to serve, they became submissive at once. They yielded to the authority. But I yielded to authority first. If I had failed, then they would have failed. I was under the laws governing the association and the members were under me. Moses was under God, and others were under him. Jesus was under God and we are under Him. If we submit to Him then there is a likeness. If we refuse it is the opposite.

Moses was "mild of temper." Jesus was the same. This means that if we are like Jesus we will not be sharp, sour, or bitter, but be gentle, soft and placid. Many of us may need a lesson on this part of the subject. Some seem to have a disposition to be sharp and rasping in their manner of expression. It will be necessary to have a change made in a person with that disposition if he would look like Jesus. We cannot think of Jesus being sharp, sour or bitter.

Moses was patient, and of course Jesus was possessed with the same quality because He was like Moses. Then in order to be like Jesus we must be patient. If you are not patient of course you are not like Jesus. Do you pray for patience? Do you ask God to make you like Jesus? Do you hope to have your prayers answered? Then when you fall suddenly into some awful trial that might justly be named tribulation, God is beginning to answer your prayer, because "tribulation worketh patience." (Rom. 5:3.) When this has its perfect work you may then begin to look like Jesus, for not until then will you be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. (Jas. 1:2-4.)

If there has ever been a man in the world that has had his faith tried to the uttermost it surely was Moses and of course Jesus was like him and they both stood the test and gained the victory. James says, "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." Now it takes this trial of faith to make one like Jesus. When you pray to be made like Jesus, and the awful temptations roll upon you, then is a time to "count it all joy" instead of beginning to bend, or think your lot is hard, and finally give it up and say the way is too hard. Remember Moses went this way, and Jesus was like him and we are to be like Jesus.

Moses was all that we have described above because it is said of him that he "was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth." (Num. 12:3.) And meekness means all we have described. And this special characteristic will have to accompany us to make us look like Jesus. One of the fruits of the Spirit is MEEKNESS. (Gal. 5:23.) We are

## THE WORD OF GOD—A BULWARK AGAINST POWERS OF SIN

**Helpless Against These Powers Unless we Have the Truth as an Ally.**

L. HOWARD JUILLERAT.

The word of a person is of consequence in proportion to his character and ability. The word of a poor man may be sincere but for lack of means, his inability renders his word of small consequence. On the other hand one may have much ability yet his word is not taken seriously because of a lack of character, no dependence can be placed on it.

Now we want to consider the Word of God. Of course, we admit the words of Jesus are truly of God for He was God manifest in the flesh, in fact He was the Word made flesh, the living Word.

First, in regard to the character of God, we read that He cannot lie, He is holy, He is faithful, He is true, He is merciful, God is love, and He changeth not. Surely one with such a character can be trusted, no danger of usurping authority or reckless disregard of our needs. As a father pitith his children so the Lord pitith them that fear Him. O the tenderness of our God! The richness of His mercy, the boundless depth of His love! Truly if He were not love itself, long ago would He have smitten this world with total overthrow, but His mercy endureth forever, His tender mercies are over all His works. When, after all our backslidings, our loss of interest, lack of real love to God and our many acts of carelessness we realize that God patiently waits to restore unto us the joy that is unspeakable and the peace that passes understanding, how infinite must be His love. It seems that His forbearance has almost no limit, the depths of His love not been discovered.

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Dear friend, have you ever considered your own life, how many times you have failed to manifest the true Spirit of Christ in word or action, how often your thoughts have not been to the glory of God, how maybe at times you have almost rebelled because of the trials and disappointments of life? And yet your Father, as an affectionate parent, was watching over you, caring for and shielding you lest the

commanded to walk with all lowliness and meekness. (Eph. 4:2.) Among other Christian graces that we are to put on is that one that will make us yield to authority and obey the Bible in all things. (Col. 3:12.)

In giving instructions to Timothy Paul said, "But thou, O man of God, \*\*\* follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness." (1 Tim. 6:11.) Call attention to the fact that Timothy was already a man of God, but in order to make the progress in the Christian life necessary to make him like Jesus it was essential for him to follow these graces.

And what was required of Timothy is required of us if we would attain to the same degree of spirituality and favor with God. Then we will have to follow after faith, love, patience and meekness. And faith must be tried, love tested, patience imbibed by the constant working of tribulations and trials. Then follows the special virtue that characterized Moses—meekness. A constant yielding to authority in whatever form it

written." This sword is our great offensive weapon against the hordes of wrong; let us use it; no error can withstand the Word of God. We are in the fight, let us put on the whole armor, we shall need it.

4. The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life. Then if they are spirit they can not die, and truly He said heaven and earth would pass away but His words shall never pass away. Do we want a solid foundation? One that men nor devils can undermine, one that will stand the judgment test? Build on the Word of God.

It is life unto us now, not only in the spiritual sense but also for our physical nature—the Word made flesh dwelling in us today. Glory to God! He lives in His people! The Word of God is alive today in the hearts of His people. Bread from heaven feeding our hearts, the milk to feed the tender babes, the strong meat for the older ones, adapted to every class of Christians. His Word brings us life and keeps us alive and if you obey it I declare that you will be a healthy growing Christian, and if all our members eat of this Word our churches will not be big nurseries fed from bottles.

5. The heavens and the earth which are now by the same word are kept in store reserved unto fire.

His Word permits the present order of things to continue, upholding all things by the word of His power. Without it the heavens would fall, the earth go to oblivion and its creatures be destroyed, yea all these shall pass away, but the Word of God abideth.

Thus far we have seen the character of God, now let us consider the ability of Him who speaks. We read: "I am the Almighty God," and "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." With God is terrible majesty and His kingdom ruleth over all. He created all things. Thus we conclude that His ability is fully sufficient to supply all of our needs, yea and more, for does not Paul say that He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think? Amen!

Let us consider some of the Word of God.

1. He sent His Word and healed them. No need of nostrums, poisonous drugs and patent medicines. His word is sufficient; follow its prescription and you are healed. Jesus spoke, the sick was made whole. O child of God, hear His Word, the Lord is for the body and the body for the Lord, present it a living sacrifice unto Him. "Speak the word only and my servant shall be healed."

2. Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee. If people had the Word of God in their hearts what a bulwark it would be against the powers of sin. "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." When this wonderful gospel is preached in its fulness how often people say, "O if I had only known that before, it's the very thing my heart has been longing for."

Paul told the Colossians to let the word of Christ dwell in them richly. Make your heart a treasure house for the precious Word of God—the greatest legacy left to man. We should read the Word, commit it to memory and live by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. Sin and error are on every hand, you can no more prevail against them single handed than to create a world; you are helpless against these powers unless you have the truth as an ally.

3. The Word of God is the sword of the Spirit, sharper than any two-edged sword. The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds. Even the Son of God used it in His great fight with the devil in the wilderness, for He said, "It is

the devil is continually striving to tear down and destroy, the Word of God is a positive factor and mighty force in building up. The entrance of thy words giveth light. The gloom, the despair, doubt, fear, worry, anxiety, give way as the beautiful light of God's Word shines in. The sun begins to shine, the birds are on the wing or sing their joyful lay, the burdens are lifted, the load is gone. Thank God for the light of His word! Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my pathway. How dreadful to walk in the dark in a country we don't know; we don't know when we shall step in some dangerous place, but when we have light how different.

Then as we walk in its comforting light we are led to our inheritance among them that are sanctified; thru the fields of justification and sanctification we are led into the great pasture of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. Brother, walk in the light of the Word and God's richest blessings will fill your life with peace and joy. Failure to do so means sorrow and death.

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stand true to God and His Church  
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services.

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special need of our bearing one  
another's burdens. Some will  
become discouraged if they are  
not held up by the kindness and  
prayers of others. To love means  
to help and not to discourage.  
Much carefulness and wisdom is  
needed in these days.

Many are very anxious that  
we reach the ten thousand mark  
in subscriptions to the Evangel  
before the Assembly. We very  
much appreciate the interest our  
friends are manifesting. If we  
will all push the matter, and  
work hard, surely we can gain  
the victory. We have been  
holding heroically to the nine  
thousand four hundred for  
several weeks, and there are no  
indications of a decrease, but we  
are not satisfied to linger here.  
Let us all make one more  
tremendous effort and go over  
the top this time. If you can  
only get one subscription it will  
help that much. Please do not  
give up without securing one or  
more. Pray and work. God  
bless you.

**Camp Meeting Notice.**  
The camp meeting at Stone-  
field, Miss., will begin August  
24, 1918 and will continue ten  
days or longer. R. C. Price and  
workers in charge.

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LOOKING LIKE JESUS

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appears—the Holy Spirit, the  
Bible, the Assembly, and  
to those who are over you in the  
Lord.

A certain young couple had a  
good experience and, apparently,  
were living happily together as  
husband and wife. The enemy  
of their souls brought something  
to bear that caused trouble be-  
tween them. They separated  
and were summoned before the  
court for trial. The minister  
that was over them watching for  
their souls undertook to recon-  
cile them. He worked faithfully  
with one and the other, but  
neither one would yield. They  
were both equally stubborn and  
bluntly refused every loving word  
of counsel and advice given them  
by him who was watching for their  
souls. The trial came off and  
the court granted a divorce. Of  
course the church could do noth-  
ing than exclude them both.  
But this was not done until  
every means was exhausted to  
bring them back, and the young  
woman was not finally dismissed  
until she married another man.

The lives of these young people  
are blighted. They have re-  
ceived a blow from which they  
will never recover. The young  
man has an old look on his face  
while he is still young. He is a  
picture of despair. And all this  
trouble was brought on because  
of the absence of the spirit of  
meekness that makes one yield  
to authority. I suspect this  
young man has had a thousand  
regrets because he did not yield  
to the loving counsel of his pas-  
tor.

I have in mind a few who were  
once considered among our best  
ministers that failed to let the  
spirit of meekness dominate their  
lives. The test came and they  
refused to yield. Each one  
seemed to think he had a strong  
following that would stick to  
him and would assist him in es-  
tablishing a movement indepen-  
dent of the church. But it  
proved a failure in every case.  
He floated high and easy for  
about three weeks and the people  
gave him liberally of their  
means, but when they fully real-  
ized that he had split off from  
the church and would not yield  
to authority and submit with  
the spirit of meekness, they  
dropped him suddenly and he  
was left with a wife and little  
children on starvation. Some  
who had promised him aid re-  
fused and would have nothing  
to do with him. I learned of  
his distress. I hastened to his  
rescue and found him in despair.  
I had prayers with him and his  
family. We all wept together.  
He saw himself, but it was too  
late. He had taken bold stand  
against me, but his heart was  
broken as I took from my pocket  
one bill after another and hand-  
ed him until his needs were sup-  
plied. I have never seen him  
from that day to this, but he  
frankly acknowledged that the  
Church of God was right and I  
had done the right thing, and he  
would not yield and submit to  
authority.

It will take meekness, beloved,  
to make us like Jesus; and meek-  
ness means "yielding to au-  
thority." Moses had it. Jesus  
was full of it. It will have to  
predominate in our lives, and  
permeate our entire being if we  
would be like Jesus and look  
like Him. This is one of the  
principal virtues imparted to  
man. "Put them in mind \* \* \*  
to speak evil of no man" says  
Paul, \* \* \* "but gentle, showing  
all meekness unto all men."  
(Titus 3:2.) "Who is a wise  
man" says James the Lord's  
brother, "and endued with  
knowledge among you? let him  
show out of a good conversation  
his works with meekness of wis-  
dom." (Jas. 3:13.)

Broken hearts and subdued  
spirits are preparations for His

coming. Moses and Jesus each  
carried a broken heart and sub-  
dued spirit. If we would be  
like Jesus the same experience  
must be ours. "Tell ye the  
daughters of Sion, Behold, thy  
King cometh unto thee, meek,  
and sitting upon an ass, and a  
foal of an ass." (Matt. 21:5.)

What humility! What submission!  
What lending and yielding  
to authority! The prophet  
had given such orders by pro-  
phesying, and Jesus yielded, be-  
cause it is said, "All this was  
done, that it might be fulfilled  
which was spoken by the prophet."  
(Matt. 21:4.)

Jesus had authority and could  
have refused to obey the words  
of the prophet, but He must be  
like Moses, He must yield and  
submit to authority. He could  
have kept Himself off the cruel  
cross, but no, He must yield. He  
could have been outspoken and  
offered a strong defense, but no!  
He was "meek and lowly in  
heart," (Matt. 11:29.) ready to  
submit and yield to Him who  
was over Him and the voice of  
the prophets.

If we would be like Jesus,  
government must not be ignored.  
Jesus was like Moses and Moses  
under God instituted the great  
government known as "the  
church in the wilderness," (Acts  
7:38.) and submitted to it him-  
self. And this is the very thing  
that God uses to make His children  
bendable and submissive. He is  
preparing us for His rulers in  
the Millennium, and they that  
will not submit to rule never  
make good rulers.

Many do not see the worth of  
the training we are receiving in  
the Church of God, but some day  
it will be manifest. And those  
who have had the meek and sub-  
missive spirit will be exalted to  
heights unknown, while on the  
other hand those who have had  
a spirit of self-importance, self-  
exaltation, and have refused to  
yield to authority, will be  
abased.

Some have said, "I am going  
to follow God but no man shall  
have authority over me." They  
forget that following God is a  
humble "submitting yourselves  
one to another in the fear of God."  
(Eph. 5:21.) They forget  
that the Church of the Bible  
provides that elders that rule  
well shall be counted worthy of  
double honor. (1 Tim. 5:17.)  
They ignore the Scriptures that  
pertain to government. The  
truth is, most of these who re-  
fuse to submit are seeking lead-  
ership themselves and despise  
government unless they can have  
the preeminence.

Government must not be ignor-  
ed if we would be like Jesus. These  
proud hearts must be broken and  
haughty spirits subdued. It  
takes government to do it. It  
sometimes "goes against the  
grain" to do it, but it will be good  
for us when we submit and be-  
come reconciled to obey. I  
never did want to be editor of  
the church paper. I never  
wanted to take the responsibility  
of publishing it and financing  
it through. I only submitted to  
the decision of the Assembly and  
publishing committee. But I  
have worked many times harder  
to make it succeed than I ever  
did any matters of business of  
my own choosing. I had other  
plans that were broken into. I  
could have boldly refused and  
said, "I have other plans and I  
feel God leading me otherwise,"  
and kept out of the publishing  
business, but when the whole  
Assembly said, "You must do  
it," my will was broken my  
spirit subdued, and the Evangel  
is climbing rapidly to the top.  
I feel that it is attaining its  
success over broken heart and  
subdued spirit, and it is all be-  
cause of government.

Looking like Jesus! Who will  
do it? Those who have broken  
hearts and subdued spirits so  
they will humbly submit to God's  
government, and work just as  
hard for what those in authority  
choose for them as they would

for something of their own choos-  
ing.

Come on beloved, do not get  
discouraged just because you  
cannot have your way about  
matters. Remember that broken  
hearts and subdued spirits  
are preparations for the coming  
of the Lord. You want to be  
like Jesus when He comes, then  
you must submit to the process  
no matter how it goes against  
your will and natural desires.

Looking like Jesus when He  
comes will surely be the greatest  
happiness ever accorded man.  
But remember the process that  
makes you like Him will have  
to come first, and is really going  
on now with many, yet they  
hardly understand why they are  
going through such rough, heart-  
breaking experiences. Follow  
after faith, love, patience, and  
meekness, and success will crown  
your efforts so you will shine  
with Him in glory.

Tampa, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I enjoy reading the letters  
from the saints so much and I  
desire to testify to what God has  
done for me.

About sixteen months ago I  
was a sinner far from God; but  
His Spirit kept striving with me.  
Suddenly I became sick of sin  
and resolved to seek God with  
all my heart.

I had given up all my sins and had  
been living the best I knew how  
for two or three weeks, though I  
hadn't been to any church, when  
the Lord wonderfully directed  
my steps to a Pentecostal tent  
meeting. I knew nothing about  
sanctification or the baptism of  
the Holy Ghost, but I was hungry  
and went to the altar four  
nights and on the fourth night  
the Lord baptized me with the  
Holy Ghost and fire. Glory to  
His precious name!

I find it is glory all along the  
way and I would not give it up  
for all this world. Jesus is the  
fairest of ten thousand to my  
soul. I am trying to be like  
Him. I want to live such a life  
that others may see Jesus in me.

I opposed organization for  
several months, but God showed  
me the light on the Church of  
God. I searched the Scriptures  
daily for two or three weeks  
and one Sunday I became so  
anxious to unite with the church  
I couldn't wait until the next  
Sunday. I know the Lord added  
me to the church and I praise  
Him for it.

As the coming of the Lord  
draws so near so many of the  
saints seem to be slumbering,  
but oh, I want to be wide awake  
and on fire for the Lord when  
He comes. I want to hear the  
words, "Well done, thou good  
and faithful servant, enter thou  
into the joy of thy Lord."

Pray for me that I may be  
robbed in the wedding garment  
when He comes.

Your sister,

Margaret Evors.

Notice.

A revival meeting will begin  
at Hiwassee church, near Mad-  
isonville, Tenn., Saturday, Aug-  
ust 17, D. V. and continue until  
the first of September or longer.  
Everybody is invited to attend  
this meeting. Come, let us have  
a feast with the Lord.

W. A. Walker,  
District overseer.

Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and  
Saints—Greetings in Jesus'  
Dear Name:

I want to praise God for His  
wonderful love. Bless His dear  
name!

We are having prayer meeting  
in North Nashville and the Lord  
is blessing His children. Praise  
His name!

The Lord will still save people  
if they will meet conditions.  
Pray for me.

Your humble brother,

A. O. Kephart.

Ladonia, Texas.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God for salva-  
tion. He is my Savior, healer  
and keeper. He saved me from  
sin about twelve years ago.  
About four years ago He sancti-  
fied me by a second definite  
work of grace and baptized me  
with the Holy Ghost and fire.  
Praise God!

The Lord healed me of cancer  
of the stomach after I was given  
up by seven doctors. Praise His  
name!

I am desiring the gifts and  
graces provided for us.

Pray for the church near La-  
donia.

Your unworthy brother,

G. E. Anthony.

Live Oak, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I praise the Lord this morning  
for His wonderful goodness to  
me. I feel impressed to praise  
Him for His healing power. In  
January my baby was sick with  
fever. I trusted the Lord for  
her healing and promised Him  
that if He would heal her body I  
would testify of it to the world.  
Praise His name, He healed her  
and the fever left her.

I am so glad I ever found this  
precious way that leads from  
earth to heaven.

We live in a spiritually cold  
community. There is only one  
person except myself who is in  
this way. We want some Church  
of God minister to come here  
and conduct a meeting for us  
under an arbor or if some one  
has a tent, that could be used.  
We request the saints to pray  
that the Lord will impress it upon  
some one to come and preach  
for us, for this is indeed a needy  
field.

Brother J. W. Murray came  
and preached three sermons for  
us in the month of March. His  
coming was a great blessing to  
us.

Brother J. W. Pevey came in  
the month of May and preached  
for us several times which did  
a lot of good.

From the preaching of Brother  
Murray and Brother Pevey many  
people became interested and  
want to hear more of the gospel  
preached.

I desire the prayers of the  
saints that I may be humble at  
Jesus' feet until He comes or  
calls.

Humbly,

Lucie Hall.

Report.

We have closed a ten days  
meeting at Tellico Plains, Tenn.  
with great victory.

Large crowds came out to hear  
the gospel. Conviction seized  
the people and the Lord saved  
four, sanctified three and five re-  
ceived the Holy Ghost and spoke  
with other tongues according to  
Acts 2:4. Five were added to  
the church.

Some of the saints from Hi-  
wassee were with us and rendered  
good service in the altar.

May God bless the saints at  
Tellico.

Yours for the Master,

W. A. Walker.

Camp Meeting Notice.

The Illinois State Camp Meet-  
ing will begin August 19, 1918  
and continue seven days. Bro-  
ther T. S. Payne of Cleveland,  
Tenn., will be in charge. It is  
expected that all bishops, dea-  
cons and evangelists of the state  
of Illinois and surrounding vi-  
cinity will be present.

## Ministers and Leaders of a High Order Needed for the Perfecting of the Bride

SAM. C. PERRY.

Among the characters of Bible times God's prophets, apostles and leaders were the highest order of saints.

They excelled in sacrifice, faith, love, obedience and true devotion to God. They were indeed examples to the flock. Their word was law and gospel, they dealt in nothing else.

They knew God; they knew His will; they knew how to perform it. Such men had no occasion to deal in myths, and theories and notions of men, they had the genuine article. It outshined everything else as the sun in the heavens.

If error crept in there was little or no difficulty in detecting it. Their standards and experiences were well understood. The false could not measure to them. False leaders were uncovered and their purpose and deeds made known, that all might see and escape the snare set for their unwary feet. The good and true way was open and in view, as the faithful and true leaders set it forth in such unmistakable terms that "the wayfaring man, though a fool shall not err therein."

They went through blood and fire, to the prison and to the stake, and through a thousand privations and hardships, thus proving their love and devotion to the truth; yea they "loved not their lives unto the death." Such men could not but succeed, with God and heaven in and around them, no wonder men, devils and hell could not withstand them.

In carrying forward the work of the preparation of the bride today such men are necessary, men who are not afraid of the artillery of the enemy, but are able to stand anywhere and everywhere for truth and right.

Every movement is dependent on its ministers for its standing and progress. If ignorance and self-will possess the ministry, the laity may be expected to be of the same type, but if the standard of humility, holiness, and spiritual power be held up and demonstrated by the ministry, the laity will have high ideals of the Christ-life, and its gifts and attainments.

In general no church has a membership that is more spiritual, and more advanced in spiritual knowledge than its ministry.

Some seem to have an idea that most any kind of a pastor is better than none. But this is not true. Many a church has been "pastored to death." A good pastor is certainly necessary to the full development of the church, but we have known cases where the church would have been better with no pastor at all.

God calls men to the ministry, some are called of men, others call themselves, and it is evident that Satan calls some ministers for the furtherance of his ends, or else he uses some of the other classes; doubtless he does both. However we believe there are a good many today who profess to be ministers of the gospel, who could serve the church better by staying at home for a while yet at least, helping in the local work, rather than to make themselves public leaders when they do not have the fitness for the work.

If God does not set His seal upon the ministerial efforts of a man, and give him at least some favor among the people with whom he labors, what is the use to keep him on our list of ministers, when he amounts to nothing?

If a man has worked himself out until nobody wants his service, and he becomes a burden on the people, we feel that such a man should get a job and go to work and support his family and

do what he can for the Lord while he is at it, unless he can find his way to the altar and get an endowment of power that will make him of value in the ministry.

All of the ministers might improve themselves more or less with a little closer application to our work, and above all to our Master.

We need to know our Bibles.

They give us the doctrine, the teaching, the directions to be followed. They point out the way we should go, the spirit we should possess. They set forth the aims, intentions, and purposes that should possess us. They are a "lamp to our feet and a light to our pathway." We cannot get along without the Bible and it rightly divided. There is absolutely nothing that will take its place.

A man who is unsound in doctrine has to hold his lips when he comes face to face with a "Thus saith the Lord." Error cannot measure itself by the truth.

A minister of the gospel should always possess the spirit of the Master. This he may not always do if he is unsound in doctrine. But he will show an ugly disposition in defending his notion or theory. The spirit of truth alone can always keep sweet and Christ-like. If you have something else it will be sure to show in some way or other sooner or later.

How important it is that we should be Scripturally sound. It is so embarrassing to have some one ask us for the Scriptures on certain points if we have none to give.

May God put us on the bed rock bottom that we may be able to stand anywhere and give a Scriptural reason of the hope that is within us.

God's ministers have always been men of great faith and prayer. These of the latter days must be no exception to this rule if they would count for God here and measure up favorably with God's mighty hosts when Jesus comes.

In olden times and in all times God's servants have received power for special work, mighty revivals, the healing of the sick, food, raiment, protection and help in times of trials and tribulations, in answer to prayer. They still need these things for the carrying forward of the work of the gospel, and may we remember that they may be received in the same old-time way.

God's ministers should make their service effective by every possible means, and all that will destroy the effect of a sermon, song, prayer or testimony should be avoided as far as possible. Some through carelessness fall into a sing song way, or use slang or whine or use language that is not becoming a minister, and thereby destroy the good that might have been accomplished. It is not good to fall into any habit that attracts the attention, or that is repulsive.

Speak "straight from the shoulder," and in good, pure, simple language that all may understand, and in a spirit of love and earnestness. Endeavor to speak your words correctly. For a preacher to say "doctring" or "brethering," etc., seems inexorable, especially in a young man who may know better if he applies himself half way as he should. It's true we do not go out as college professors, but we should know how to express ourselves intelligently.

Then we should dress neatly, not gaudily, but decently, to say the least of it. Some said of a certain preacher: "We know by his appearance that he's nothing."

We are aware that it is not the clothes that count, but the "genuine article" must be cloth-

ed. Correct words, correct conduct, the right spirit, and an acceptable appearance, all, go to adorn the doctrine of God our Savior.

Jesus Christ is our Great Example. He seemed to try to conform to all the outward requirements of a good citizen. His personal appearance was always pleasant and agreeable. He wrought a miracle (Matt. 17:27) to get money to pay taxes for Himself and Peter. He was always interested in the ordinary affairs of the people, and used them as illustrations of His truth on all occasions.

He made Himself a blessing to the people on every possible occasion. At the funeral, raised the dead, in the sick room, healed the sick, to the hungry, gave food, and brought blessing and cheer everywhere.

So God's ministers today should be servants, they should serve everywhere as did their Master before them. Full of the Spirit, and power, moving in the spirit of wisdom and love scattering sunshine and blessing everywhere.

Jesus said, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men."

### Foreign Mission Receipts.

Church, Cookeville, Tenn.,	\$ 2 00
" Soddy, Tenn.,	2 30
" Daisy, Tenn.,	1 60
Mrs. Kate Tharp, Ft.	
Myers, Fla.,	0 50
Sarah Kelly, Pi'eki'n, Ga.,	0 50

### Home Mission Receipts.

Church, Dunn, La.,	\$ 1 70
" Cookeville, Tenn.,	2 06
O. B. Myers, Arcadia, Fla.,	1 00
Julia Crawford, Hickman, Tenn.,	0 25
Church, Cleveland, Tenn.,	11 00

### Gone to be With Jesus.

After a long illness, little Laura Elizabeth Wise, six-year-old daughter of Henry and Mary Wise, of Chattanooga, Tenn., has departed this life and gone to live with Jesus, leaving to mourn her loss the loving parents and one brother and sister.

The funeral service was conducted by the writer in Chattanooga and the body was laid away in White Oak cemetery.

We shall sleep but not forever,

There will be a glorious dawn;

We shall meet to part no never

In the resurrection morn.

J. W. Leatherwood.

### Camp Gordon, Ga.

Dear Evangel Family—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I praise God today for victory through the blood of Jesus. I do praise and adore His name for keeping me low and humble at His dear feet.

I feel more like going all the way than ever before. I know God's promises are true and He said He would never leave nor forsake us. Jesus says He will go with us even unto the end of the world. He is with me at all times.

I receive much comfort from the saints' letters which are so much appreciated. I cannot answer all but I want to thank them and ask them to continue writing as the Lord leads.

I desire special prayer of the saints that the Lord will have His way with me. Pray that I may be granted noncombatant service if it be the will of the Lord and I believe it is.

I know that I believe God's Word for He saved, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost nearly a year ago and I am still on the upward way. Praise His name!

I may be sent to France soon, but I know the Lord is over there, too, so please pray that He may get glory out of my life, that I may meet my brethren and sisters in a place where all is peace and happiness. Praise the Lord!

Your unworthy brother,  
Walter H. Harmon,  
Co. E. 3rd Inf. Repl. Reg't.,  
Camp Gordon, Ga.

### Another Brother Gone.

Last week we were called in conjunction with F. J. Lee to conduct the funeral service of our Brother Peck of this city. The funeral was well attended and the interment took place in the city cemetery. We can make no better report of the departure of our brother than is contained in the following brief sketch read at the funeral services:

#### (OBITUARY)

William Nichols Peck, born Jan. 30, 1871, deceased Aug. 8, 1918, aged 47 years, 6 months and 8 days.

The subject of our sketch is the son of James and Jemima Peck, and has been a resident of Bradley County, Tenn., all of his life, and a resident of the city of Cleveland about 18 years.

He was the second son of a family of ten children, all of which have preceded him to their eternal abode except one sister and two brothers.

He was married to Laura Goins, March 10, 1890. To this union were born seven children, three sons and four daughters, three of whom have already been called away in death, three daughters and one son remaining to mourn the loss of their father.

Brother Peck embraced the Christian religion about two years after he was married, in a revival meeting held at Old Chestnut Church, east of this City, and has lived a conscientious life ever since. He joined the M. E. Church South at first and later on united with the M. E. Church, and remained a member of that body until about nine years ago, when he received the Holy Ghost according to Acts. 10:46 and united with the Church of God of which he was a member the day of his death.

Our brother lived a good even life, was a good neighbor, affectionate husband and loving father. While he has been afflicted more or less for twelve years he was devoted to his family and provided for their welfare and happiness every way possible.

He always loved to sing, and when he was able, he often led the singing in our revivals and common meetings for worship. He had some favorite songs that reminded those who heard of heaven and its glory and beauty.

He was a man of prayer. This was often shown in that he was always ready to kneel and pray when called upon in public worship, and his interest in the salvation of his fellowmen was shown in his fervent prayers and efforts at the altar among penitents seeking God. Only a few days before death claimed him for its own we called to see him. When time came for prayer he began to raise himself from his pillow as if to get off his couch and kneel with us. We suggested that he had better lie still and rest, but he remarked that he wanted to get on his knees once more with us and humble himself down before God. So he got down on his knees by the side of the bed and remained till we had concluded our prayers.

During the last few days of his life he spent most of his time sitting out in the yard or in the house praising the Lord. Only the day before his death he was up nearly all day, in and out of the house praising God for His goodness and love.

He seemed to know his time was short and he was careful to see that no necessary preparation was left undone. He committed himself to God and fully trusted in Him. This is a source of consolation to his family and friends. They feel that he is at rest with Jesus. They do not sorrow as those that have no hope. We fully expect for him to have part in the first resurrection.

Brother Peck will be missed in his place of business, at the

church services where he was a faithful attendant when able, and specially in the home. His companion will not have him to lean upon in her lonely hours, the children will not have him as a counselor. His chair in the family circle will be vacant, but they can think of him where sickness and death do not come, and where sorrow and sighing will be no more.

Brother Peck is gone. He leaves an aged mother, two brothers, one sister, a wife, three daughters, one son and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his death.

We conclude the brief sketch of the life and works of our dear brother and friend by repeating a beautiful Scripture verse that has been a source of pleasure to him in life, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

### Birmingham, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I cannot read the Evangel without hungering for more of God.

For many years I have been in the Methodist Church, and for two years I have gone through a great test in body, but for some reason I feel the Lord has spared me. So pray that He may have His own precious way with me and get all the glory out of my life.

Your beautiful writings under the head of "Opinions and Divisions" strike me as carrying enough inspiration to burn it into the hearts of many that will be honest enough to receive the wonderful truths it bears.

There are many precious souls here in Birmingham who are shining bravely through every trial.

I hope to receive letters from any of the dear saints and shall hope to answer every one. Though I am not in the full experience of Pentecost I read the Evangel and covet the prayers of all its readers.

Yours in Christian love,  
Mrs. Melvina Halle.

### Armathwaite, Tenn.

Dear Evangel Readers:

I want to sound a note of praise to the Lord this morning for the victory I have in my soul over Satan and for the Holy Ghost who abides within. Praise Jesu!

I'm glad that I can say I'm one of them. I have had this blessing about one year and the way gets brighter every day.

There are just a few saints here and the devil is trying with all of his power to stop us; but, glory to Jesus! I believe this band of soldiers mean to go up when Jesus comes. I just praise God for the persecutions we are having to bear.

Now is certainly a time when much prayer is needed, for prayer is the key that unlocks heaven's door. The more we pray, the closer we get to God.

I long for the time to come when I can meet King Jesus in the air and go home to the Marriage Supper. Praise His name! I wouldn't give up my experience for ten thousand worlds like this. What would it profit us if we should gain the whole world and then lose our soul?

I earnestly desire the prayers of the saints that I may be a true soldier and a soul winner for Jesus. Please pray for my parents and brothers and sisters that they may receive this wonderful blessing and be ready to meet Jesus.

I certainly do love the Evangel; it is food to my soul, but I love the Bible best of all.

Your sister in Christ,  
Minnie Brocks.

### Illinois State Assembly Notice.

The State Assembly of Illinois will be held at Eldorado, Ill., August 20-24, 1918, according to the following program:

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20.

9:30 a. m. Song and prayer service.

10:00 a. m. Introductory address—D. P. Barnett, Overseer of State.

10:30 a. m. Short talks by volunteers.

12:00 m. Noon.

2:00 p. m. Songs and prayers.

2:30 p. m. Business.

3:00 p. m. Sunday school work—S. O. Gillaspie.

4:15 p. m. Adjournment.

7:30 p. m. Songs, prayers and praises.

8:00 p. m. Sermon—John O. Yates.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21.

9:30 a. m. Songs and prayers.

10:00 a. m. Discussion of questions.

12:00 m. Noon.

2:00 p. m. Songs and prayers.

2:30 p. m. Tithing—T. S. Payne.

4:00 p. m. Adjournment.

**Louisville, Ky.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God tonight for the great plan of salvation. He keeps me free from sin. Praise His precious name! I love Jesus tonight with all my heart. Oh, He has done so much for me and my family. Nearly all of my people are members of the Church of God.

We have just closed a meeting at Stithton, Ky., Brother Gentry in charge. The way the Lord blessed was wonderful. Three were baptized in water and as they came up out of the water while we were singing "The Rugged Cross," two more came down into the water leaping and crying for joy and were baptized. Six were added to the church.

I praise the Lord for the little band here. We have started to go through with Jesus and we mean to keep pressing on.

We have a splendid Sunday school here with a large attendance.

Yours in Jesus' name,  
Ella Dever.

**Report.**

The meeting at Empire, Alabama began July 13, W. F. Bryant and L. A. Richard having been called to assist the pastor, Z. D. Simpson. Otis McCoy was in charge of the music.

The workers were with us fifteen days. Nineteen were saved, many sanctified, eighteen received the Holy Ghost, twenty-one were added to the church, twenty-six were baptized in water and many were healed. The altar was filled with seekers every service.

Many from a distance attended the services and were not sorry they came.

The meeting is still in progress and likely to go on two or three weeks. From the beginning until now the church has been traveling for lost souls. The power of the Holy Ghost has been greatly manifested.

We ask all who pray to pray that the Lord will continue to bless and save lost souls during the remaining services.

To anybody wanting a revival we heartily recommend Luther Richard and W. F. Bryant as workers.

Your unworthy brother,  
W. C. Wilson.

**Report.**

Our meeting at Bell Town closed with wonderful victory.

On July 4, we had an all-day meeting. Brother R. G. Spurling delivered the message in the morning service. Brother W. F. Bryant had charge of the dedication service in the afternoon. At night we had the Lord's Supper and feet-washing service.

We continued to give out the Word for a week. Four were renewed and one received the Holy Ghost.

One sister, after opposing the way for several years, received the baptism while churning. She left her churn and ran up and down the road and told her neighbors about what God had done for her.

Three were added to the church.

Our dear Brother Curtis was with us and rendered faithful service.

We certainly appreciate the hospitality of the dear saints at Bell Town. May God bless and keep them all true.

Yours for lost souls,  
W. A. Walker.

**Camp Shelby, Miss.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I was drafted July 16, and sent here for army service. I have been sanctified and am seeking the baptism of the Holy Ghost. I am walking in all the light I have.

I feel that God has wonderfully blessed me. I have been assigned to the medical depart-

ment and will not be compelled to carry arms.

I have been requested to write many of my friends whose signatures I have forgotten, so, they can hear from me through the Evangel.

May the Lord bless the Evangel family. Please pray for me.  
Your brother in Christ,  
Layton Sowell,  
137 F. A. Medical D. D.,  
Camp Shelby,  
Shelby, Miss.

**Avant, Okla.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to sound a note of praise to Him who has redeemed my soul from sin. Praise His name! I was saved and sanctified about ten years ago and was anointed and used of God in healing. Praise God for those days!

About three years ago some baptized children of God came preaching the baptism of the Holy Ghost. I did not have the light on this experience. I had the baptism confused with the gifts. I thought I would never speak in tongues as I was used in healing and had, I thought, all that there was for me.

But I just got my Bible and dug a little deeper and soon I was as hungry for the baptism of the Holy Ghost as I was to be saved. I cried out to God and received the experience. Praise His name! The fire is burning in my soul today. Praise God!

Your sister under the blood,  
Mrs. Lee Miller.

**Valdosta, Ga.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God for victory in my soul. I can't express the love and gratitude there is in my soul for my blessed Savior and the love I have for all the dear saints.

The Lord is still blessing us. We had a glorious time on the third Sunday. Three were baptized in water and five were added to the church.

On Sunday night we administered the Lord's Supper and washed the saints' feet. The Lord was with us.

A sister who received the Holy Ghost in our meeting last Christmas Day was with us and united with the church.

May God bless you all. Pray for the Church of God mission at Valdosta, Ga.

Your brother in the Lord,  
Wm. Hudson.

**Fordsville, Ky.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Saints:

We have had some wonderful meetings in the last six weeks. Glory! Hallelujah! The Lord has indeed blessed His people here at Fordsville. The signs are certainly following believers. Devils are being cast out, the sick healed, there is speaking in other tongues and dancing under the power of the Spirit. Glory! Praise God for His Son who came into this world to save us from our sins, sanctify us and fill us with the Holy Ghost!

Three have been saved, three sanctified and six baptized with the Holy Ghost just as Jesus said and as Joel prophesied.

Please pray for me that I may ever be found in the center of God's will and be able to feed the precious souls of whom I have the care. Oh, may none of them go astray!

May God bless the saints, and editor that he may be able to continue sending the Evangel forth, for it is food to the poor hungry souls and is bringing many to the light.

Your brother,  
Guy Marlow.

**Foxe's Book of Martyrs**

The title describes the contents of the book.

This book contains information that, if read, will no doubt be a blessing to our people at this time.

Single copy, post paid \$1.35.

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**An Interesting Letter From Japan.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

My trip to Australia was a very profitable one in body and in soul and for the good of the kingdom of God in Japan. On the way out seven souls on the steamer surrendered to the Lord and about fifteen in Australia and two more on the return trip to Japan. Many others I believe were helped and a multitude awakened to their responsibility to the lost in this land of the Sunrise Kingdom.

From the very first God was with me and opened up many doors of usefulness and blessing. I found that the Christians in that land knew very little about Japan and her needs. God's leadings all the time I was there were remarkable, especially in getting me in touch with souls that He wanted me to deal with. It seems to me that there are thousands of souls over there hungering for the bread of life, but very few to break it to them. Almost every soul that I spoke to personally received the Word gladly.

While over there I felt led to pray much that God would raise up some one to undertake the formation of an Advisory Council in that country. One morning I received a call on the telephone and after a short conversation with a gentleman, he said: "Have you made any arrangements about forming an Advisory Council?" To this I replied that I had not, but that I had been praying about the matter. He then said: "All right, I will attend to it." So the Council was formed of eleven godly men and an Auxiliary Council of women to look after the interests of the J. I. M. after my departure. We are thankful for these things and thank God for a direct answer to prayer.

I received an invitation from the General Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in New Zealand to come over there with the promise that everything possible would be done for me in the way of arranging meetings etc., but this invitation and many others had to be cancelled on account of the illness of Mrs. Atchison in Japan which caused me to hasten home as soon as possible. I am glad to say that she is much better now for which we praise God!

The editor of the "Southern Cross," a Christian paper in Melbourne, wrote asking for an article and pictures to publish, and the "Christian World" in Sydney with a very large circulation opened up its columns for something from our pen.

As the Lord had furnished the means for the trip I couldn't help but feel that I was in His will, and feeling this way I went right ahead with the greatest of confidence, believing that He would abundantly bless, which He did far above all that I could ask or think. On the steamer going out a passenger handed me ten shillings and shortly after I landed in Sydney I found a ten shilling note in my coat pocket; these things I accepted from the Lord as tokens of His love and care for the future.

Many good friends have been raised up in Australia for the work of the J. I. M. and we feel that with the prayers of these saints united with the prayers of all the other rope-holders of this work, greater things will be accomplished in the future for the salvation of precious souls than what has been done in the past.

The Christians gave us a nice warm-hearted reception at the Osaka church on our return and I was real glad to get back among them once more. The work is going on about as usual. A good many sinners are getting their measure taken for the white robes so as to be ready to meet the Lord in the air.

After much prayer the Lord has given us a good large house in one of the Eta (outcasts) villages

where a gospel mission has been opened up and the bread of life broken to these poor unfortunate outcasts. Brother Shuto is in charge of this work. Please pray for him and for this people that many of them will get saved.

In four months ninety-two gospel meetings were held in the Theatre street mission in Osaka with an attendance of 3652 and of this number 425 were dealt with about their souls and 396 visits were made to the homes of converts.

About seventy-five villages in Kawauchi province are being visited as regularly as possible from three stations (about 35000 people) and some of the other sheep are finding their way into the kingdom. We have a Sunday school in each village, not always in a building, but generally in a temple yard or by the roadside or wherever the children can be gathered together. All this work is carried on by faith in God alone and the prayers of His children. We covet your prayers for all these things.

Yours, watching, waiting, working,

Robert Atchison,  
Nishinada Mura, Kobe,  
Japan.

**Fort Valley, Ga.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God for the baptism with the Holy Ghost. I lived a sanctified life two years but I could not understand God's Word as I wanted to. So the Lord sent Brother Thomason to this place. He conducted a meeting at the little chapel near my home. I soon found out that he had the Holy Ghost. I began seeking the experience and received it May 14, 1918. Praise God!

I ask the prayers of all the saints of God that I may be able to help some poor hungry heart to find God. I want to be humble at Jesus' feet ready to do my heavenly Father's will.

I am praying for God to purify our people here and fill them with the Holy Ghost.

Your sister in Jesus,  
Mrs. Clara Arrowsmith.

**Akron, Ohio.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

This finds us yet in the Lord's service preaching against sin on every side.

Surely Akron must be the most wicked city on the map, yet the Lord has some good material here.

Out of the fourteen who were added to the church during the tent meeting, ten were baptized yesterday.

About a year ago we only had about six members, now we have over forty. Praise God! They are all stalwart Christians standing up against sin, the majority of whom can take meat. Praise the Lord!

I shall pitch my tent tomorrow in East Akron, D. V. A brother from the Pentecostal mission gave me the privilege of using his lot. So you see when we preach Christ the Bible way, the Lord always lends a helping hand. Bless His name!

Please pray much for the meetings, for me and the family that we may ever be in His service doing His will.

Yours in the Lord's service,  
E. H. Osborne.

**Dayton, Tenn.**

Dear Saints of God:

Please pray for me that I may live so as to please God, my loving heavenly Father, that I shall be able through faith in Jesus Christ to cast Satan out of my home. If it takes this body of mine, I give it freely.

Lord, make me a fit subject to glorify your Son that people may know that the people of God are a holy people belonging to God!

Delia Norris.

**Called To Rest.**

Brother Elijah Kersey passed "over the tide" Saturday, August 3, 1918 at 6:00 p. m. after a lingering illness of four months.

Brother Kersey is well known as a pioneer Holiness preacher and has been an instrument in saving many souls. He was baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire in later years and was a member of the Church of God.

In all his illness Brother Kersey was continually praising God and shedding out the love of God to all. This was his theme as long as I have known him. He said he longed to see and be with Jesus. He requested that his body be buried with him.

He leaves his devoted wife who was faithful at his bedside, sons, daughters and grandchildren, besides a host of friends who will miss him.

The funeral sermon was preached at the residence of his son, Julian Kersey, in Gary, Fla. by Pastor Isaac Shirley of the Tampa Church of God. A great host of friends and relatives saw him laid away in the old family burying ground to await the resurrection morning.

I wish to add that Brother and Sister Kersey were among the first workers with myself in the Pentecostal meetings here, and by their fire and zeal I was led on to greater things in God. I shall never forget their love, gentleness, forbearance and encouragement in these twelve years we have worked together.

May we all keep on the whole armor and meet Jesus when He comes.

In His name,  
Rosa B. Murphy.

**Cherry Valley, Ark.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I praise God for saving and sanctifying me and giving me a determination to go all the way with Jesus.

I desire the prayers of the saints that I may receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Your brother in Christ,  
F. N. Smith.

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